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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT RUNWAY -  
TRADE ASSISTANCE

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1. MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS BUSTAMANTE ASKED ME TO  
CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY  
BRIGADIER GENERAL ASUAJE, VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE, WHO IS  
CHIEF OF CIVILIAN AVIATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

2. MINISTER SAID THAT FOR INAUGURATION OF THE NEW  
MAIQUETIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HE WOULD BE DEEPLY  
APPRECIATIVE IF U.S. COULD SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING AIR-  
CRAFT:

A. ONE C5A

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B. ON ACROBATIC TEAM FLYING F-4S

C. (AT MY SUGGESTION, A LOCKHEED L 1011.)

3. I SAID I HAD ALREADY HAD IN MIND THE C5A BUT HAD RECEIVED A FAIRLY THIN RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON THAT THESE THINGS COST \$1,000 AN HOUR FOR FLIGHT CHARGES. HOWEVER, I WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN FAVOR OF ALL THREE OF THE MINISTER'S REQUESTS, AND WOULD CORRESPONDINGLY RECOMMEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BY THE INTERESTED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. (I DID NOT, HOWEVER, MENTION POSSIBILITY OF A LUNAR MODULE BECAUSE THIS WOULD DETRACT, IN EFFECT, FROM PUBLIC ATTENTION TOWARD OUR AIRBORNE HARDWARE.)

4. IF WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE MINISTER'S REQUEST IN TOTO IT WOULD, IN FACT, TURN THEIR MAIQUETIA CELEBRATION INTO A MASSIVE CELEBRATION OF U.S. AIR TRANSPORT AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT. IN FACT, THE DAY MIGHT INDEED TURN OUT TO BE U.S. AIR FORCE DAY RATHER THAN MAIQUETIA DAY. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY NOT ONLY THE WARES AND TECHNIQUES OF THE U.S. AIRFRAME INDUSTRY BUT ALSO THE ABILITY AND SKILL OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

5. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT IF C5AS ARE CURRENTLY FLYING AN AIR LIFT TO ISRAEL, ONE EMPTY PLANE MIGHT BE DIVERTED ON ITS RETURN RUN VIA MAIQUETIA, AT NO COST TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR USIA, SINCE AT THAT POINT AIR FORCE WOULD RECOUP ITS AIRCRAFT TO THE ZI AT ALREADY BUDGETED AIR FORCE EXPENSE.

6. SPELLING THIS OUT SIMPLY: I WANT A C5A ON BOARD FOR ONE DAY AT MAIQUETIA BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20-24, THE EXACT DATE YET TO BE DETERMINED. ONCE DATE OF CELEBRATION IS FIXED, I WANT AN ACROBATIC TEAM OF F-4S ON THE SAME DATE; AND I SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE TO LOCKHEED'S ADVANTAGE (PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO THE C5A) LIKewise TO DEMONSTRATE ITS L 1011.

7. IF, AT THE SAME TIME, BOEING WISHES TO DEMONSTRATE ITS 737 IN VENEZUELA, THIS MIGHT OFFER AN EXCELLENT  
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